

**EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 19, 2002**

The meeting was held in the Governor's Conference Room. All members were present in the conference room, Governor John Hoeven, Senator Dave Nething, Representative Wes Belter, Representative Mike Timm, and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Governor Hoeven called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m.

NOTE: All requests that were approved and identified with an asterisk are forwarded to the Legislative Budget Section Committee to be reviewed and considered at its meeting scheduled for December 4, 2002, as required by the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.1 and N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.2.

1. **State College of Science (Request # 1425)**

Request approval, under the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-16-12, to acquire five acres of property, which is located on the west boundary of the North Dakota College of Science campus, for the sum of \$20,000.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2. **Department of Agriculture \* (Request # 1426)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$163,765 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), Veterinarian Service Division, for Board of Animal Health (\$163,765) to be used for homeland security program related to foreign animal diseases and bio-terrorism and to establish national standards of emergency preparedness, from detection and diagnosis through response.

Rep. Timm moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

3. **Department of Agriculture (Request # 1427)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$15,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), Plant Protection Quarantine Division, for equipment line (\$15,000) to purchase plotter for monitoring, locating, and mapping plant pests.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Nething seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

4. **State Radio Communications \* (Request # 1428)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$90,000 to accept federal pass-through funds from the North Dakota Health Department for equipment line (\$78,000) and operating line (\$12,000) for pilot project to evaluate a digital radio base station and a mobile radio system that would enhance the interoperability of emergency communications at state, federal, and local levels.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

5. **State Radio Communications \* (Request # 1429)**

Request approval for a line item transfer of \$120,000 from salaries line and \$170,000 from equipment line to operating line (\$290,000) to purchase software and hardware for pinpointing the location of land line and cellular 911 callers, as required by FCC Order 94-102 and N.D.C.C. § 57-40.6.

Rep. Belter moved for approval. Rep. Timm seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

6. **Secretary of State (Request #1430)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$50,000 from other funds for operating line (\$50,000) in agency's general services operating fund (as authorized by N.D.C.C. § 54-09-08) to allow use of greater than originally anticipated revenue to cover increased general and technology expenses resulting from extra demand for current and additional services.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

7. **State Board for Vocational & Technical Education \* (Request 1431)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$115,937 to accept federal funds from U.S. Department of Education for operating line (\$110,937) and equipment line (\$5,000) for "Transition to Teaching in North Dakota" program, which is a system of professional development and support to develop teachers from a pool of career-changing individuals, persons with baccalaureate degrees related to teaching content areas, and persons from industry or the military who have specific vocational-technical skills.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Rep. Timm seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

8. **Department of Human Services (Request 1432)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$48,000 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Real Choice System Change Grant, for salaries line (\$35,000) and operating line (\$13,000) to support efforts in improving community-integrated services for the elderly and people with disabilities and for expenses of the Governor created Olmstead Commission.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Rep. Timm seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

9. **Division of Emergency Management \* (Request 1433)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$454,671 to accept federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery from the Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States, for salary line (\$52,133); operating line (\$99,032); and grants line (\$303,506) for homeland security planning; citizen corps, including the community emergency response team program (CERT); and emergency operations centers (EOCs).

Rep. Timm moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

10. **Office of State Tax Commissioner (Request 1434)**

Request approval for a line item transfer of \$30,000 from the salaries line to the equipment line (\$30,000) to purchase equipment for scanning tax returns and corresponding documents.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

11. **Veterans Home \* (Request 1435)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$137,500 from other funds for operating line (\$137,500) to retain consultant as recommended in the audit.

Senator Nething moved for approval of request with the added stipulation that funds could not be expended or consultant hired without first having approval of the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the State Auditor. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

12. **Indian Affairs Commission (Request 1436)**

Request approval for a line item transfer of \$6,500 from operating line to salaries line (\$6,500) for salary increases that became effective after the budget for 2001-2003 biennium was finalized.

Rep. Belter moved for approval. Senator Nething seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

13. **Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Request 1437)**

Request approval for a line item transfer of \$25,000 from contingency line to operating line (\$25,000) to cover programming expenses for implementation of new actuarial methodology for joint and survivor retirement benefits and a waiver, under the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-27-10, to allow expenditures prior to the end of eighteen months of the biennium that are in excess of seventy-five percent of the authorized appropriation.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Rep. Timm seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvin A. Jaeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alvin" and last name "Jaeger" clearly distinguishable.

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State  
Secretary to Emergency Commission